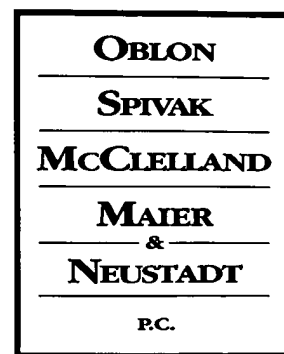




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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/029,289

Applicants: Klaus SCHULTES, et al.

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For: PROCESS FOR PREPARING BEAD POLYMERS
WITH AN AVERAGE PARTICLE SIZE IN THE
RANGE FROM 1 TO 40 μ M, MOULDING
COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING BEAD POLYMER,
AND MOULDINGS AND PAMA PLASTISOLS

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Preliminary Amendment

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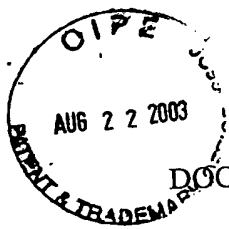
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page 7 of this paper.